

at Blair House, the President's Guest House which serves as a site for American diplomacy in action. Blair House is the official state guest house for the President of the United States and is maintained by the Department of State. An invitation to be hosted at Blair House is an honor of the highest significance. Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong is the first Ambassador from Vietnam to be honored with a farewell reception at the Blair House and this speaks to the significance of his work for and on behalf of strengthening U.S.-Vietnam relations.

As Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs' Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, it has been my distinct privilege to work side by side with Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong. Together, we created the first Friends of Vietnam Caucus in the U.S. Congress, and I have every hope that it will grow in importance. We have also worked to improve economic and trade relations and I am pleased that during Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong's service in the United States, the U.S. and Vietnam celebrated 20 years of trade relations.

I commend Vietnam's leadership on the matter of maritime territorial and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) disputes in the South and East China Seas. Vietnam has demonstrated restraint and strength in dealing with China by adopting a strategy that promotes peace and stability in the region and, going forward, I have every reason to believe that Vietnam's influence in the region will be pivotal in resolving further disputes.

On a personal note, I want to publicly thank Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong for all he did on behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, of which I am a member. For as long as I live, I will never be able to thank Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong for giving his all to bring about recognition of the interim representative committee of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Vietnam.

For their love, support and prayers, I especially express my deepest gratitude to Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong and his very talented and beautiful wife, Madam Hoang Minh Ha. When I was ill, they prayed over me and when I returned to work they stood beside me. They are more than friends. They are family to me, and I hope I am family to them.

We have walked together with faith in every footstep and it is only fitting that I conclude my service in Washington, D.C. at the same time Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong and Madam Ha conclude their service. I wish for the Ambassador and his wife life's sweetest blessings. I wish the same for the Ambassador's daughter and son—Nguyen Huong Chi and Nguyen Quoc Anh—and Madam Ha's niece Mai Hoang Anh. I pray God will be with them, until we meet again.

IN MEMORY OF BOBBY EARL
(ROBIN) HUDSON, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, November 3, 2014, funeral services for Bobby Earl (Robin) Hudson, Jr., were held at Lexington Baptist Church, in Lex-

ington, South Carolina. Mr. Hudson, 60, was the founder and owner of Hudson's Smokehouse in Lexington, South Carolina, and is remembered as a kind and generous gentleman of character who dedicated himself to supporting the local civic groups and his fellow citizens.

His obituary in The Lexington County Chronicle of Lexington, South Carolina, contained this tribute:

BOBBY EARL (ROBIN) HUDSON, JR.

LEXINGTON.—Robin Hudson, age 60, died on Thursday, October 30, 2014. Born August 16, 1954 in San Marcos, Texas, Robin was the son of Bobby Earl (Bob) Hudson and Stella H. Kyzer. He moved back to South Carolina in 1958. Robin graduated from Airport High School in 1972 and attended Massey Fashion Institute in Atlanta, Georgia. Shortly thereafter Robin moved to Clemson, South Carolina, and opened up a successful Foosball Parlor/Bar Business. This would prove to be his initial first step into business ownership. From there he went to work for Explorer Van Sales, where he served as the Southeastern Sales Representative. After many successful years with Explorer he went on to open his own Van Business in Columbia, which was known as Buddy Baker Boat and Van World. He later joined his brothers, Darrell and Chuck, opening up Hudson Brothers Truck Accessory Center where he headed up the Truck Accessory Department. Along the way he began cooking BBQ using the recipe from his family heritage back in Warsaw, North Carolina. He began catering on the side and eventually bought a trailer and did mobile catering. From then he went on to open what we all know and love today, Hudson's Smokehouse in 2002, with the help of his wife, Barbara and sons, Clint and Clay. Robin was a creative genius in marketing and he made Hudson's Smokehouse what it is today. He is known for his dependability, his enormous heart and strong work ethic. Robin worked tirelessly, endless hours to serve the community with whatever need they had. It was truly his heart's desire to serve others.

In addition to his successful restaurant business, he was a beloved son, admired brother, loving husband and devoted father. Robin is survived by his wife, Barbara Kice Hudson, and 4 children, Clinton Garrett Hudson, Clayton Windham Hudson, Jessica Lauren Brown Hudson and Cody Arthur Hudson; father, Bobby Earl (Bob) Hudson and his wife Laura Slade Hudson; mother, Stella H. Kyzer; brothers, Darrell Craig Hudson and his wife, Gay Jewell Hudson, Charles Alan Hudson and his wife, Cindy Momand Hudson; sister, Melinda Hudson Dailey and her husband Gregory Scott Dailey. Robin is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many, many dear friends who will all miss him terribly.

A Drop-in Celebration was held at 5 p.m., Sunday, November 2, 2014 at Hudson's Smokehouse, 4948 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, SC. A memorial service was held at noon on Monday, November 3, 2014 at Lexington Baptist Church, 308 E. Main Street, Lexington, SC. The service was officiated by Pastor Mike Turner and longtime friend, Pastor R. V. Brown.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity, 209 S Sumter Street, Columbia, SC 29201, and/or Oliver Gospel Mission, 1100 Taylor Street, Columbia, SC 29202.

ANTHONY F. WIENERS

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anthony Wieners' leadership and dedication to the law enforcement community and the citizens of New Jersey. To honor his years of commitment, his friends, family, and colleagues joined together in October to celebrate his amazing career.

Anthony F. Wieners is a life-long resident of Belleville, New Jersey. A veteran of the United States Navy, Anthony began his law enforcement career in January of 1980 as a patrolman with the East Orange Police Department, transferring to the Belleville Police Department in September of 1980, where he held the position of Detective until his retirement in July 2014. In 1991, Anthony was elected State Delegate of Belleville Police Benevolent Association (PBA), a position he held until his retirement. Anthony also held the offices of Belleville PBA Local President and Vice President. In addition to holding local offices, Anthony is a past chairman and co-chairman of the Essex County PBA Conference.

Anthony was appointed to the New Jersey State PBA Executive Board in 1993 and on May 1, 1997, he was appointed to the position of Executive Vice President. In 2007, Anthony was elected State President of the New Jersey PBA with a membership of over 33,000 officers. Anthony served as PBA President with distinction until earlier this year when he stepped down to allow for new leadership.

As PBA President, Anthony instituted many new programs within the organization including the NJ PBA COP SHOT program that provides automatic reward money whenever any NJ law enforcement officer is killed or wounded in the line of duty. On the national level, Anthony was a Vice President of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), which represents over 254,000 law enforcement officers from more than 4,000 organizations throughout the United States. Anthony has also been involved in the Police Unity Bike Tour for many years. In 1998, 2006 and 2014, he participated in rides from NJ to Washington, DC and helped raise over \$2 million in funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, I was proud to have Anthony as a partner on many efforts including our fight to protect the COPS program from budget cuts that would have decimated the program.

Anthony holds memberships in many organizations, including the NJ Police Honor Legion, the Belleville Kiwanis Club, the Asian American Law Enforcement Advisory Committee, and the Knights of Columbus in Belleville.

Anthony is married to Julia, and they have two children, Michael and Kaitlin.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the services of individuals like Mr. Anthony F. Wieners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mr. Wieners' family, friends, and all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in

recognizing Anthony Wieners for his dedication to his family and his nation.

TRIBUTE TO ED WALKER AND
"THE BIG BROADCAST"

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to congratulate WAMU 88.5's "The Big Broadcast" on its 50th anniversary and to celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments and career of my constituent, Ed Walker, one of the most respected radio broadcasters in generations. Mr. Walker's distinguished career spans over 50 years as a broadcaster, most recently as the outstanding host since 1990 of The Big Broadcast.

Through The Big Broadcast, Mr. Walker has kept alive and shared with new generations the classic radio shows of a bygone era—shows like "The Lone Ranger," "Gunsmoke" and "Fibber McGee." The art form in these broadcasts was magnificent, of the highest quality, and truly innovative. In addition to entertaining us, they served a unique role in American society by uniting us with imagery that one finds only in radio, featuring the great writing and talent of the performers, and sharing unique perspectives. Families would crowd around the radio listening for the latest episodes and waiting to learn of the latest heroics or antics of their favorite characters. In the Big Broadcast, Mr. Walker not only brought all of this extraordinary material to us week after week, but put it in context and served as our tour guide through decades of American history as portrayed through the wonderful radio broadcasts.

Mr. Walker was appropriately recognized in 2009 by the Radio Hall of Fame for his lifetime of achievements, placed alongside the greats that include Bob Hope and Abbott & Costello. I am pleased and honored to represent him in the U.S. House of Representatives. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Walker on his distinguished contributions to radio and to our cultural heritage.

HONORING MR. TIMOTHY CRUDUP

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran and community servant, Mr. Timothy Crudup. Mr. Crudup has shown what can be done through hand work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Timothy Crudup, the fourth child of Mr. Jonas Crudup and Mrs. Tommie Lyles Crudup, was born in Scott County, Forest, Mississippi. He lived in Forest all of his childhood and young adult life, where he attended elementary school and the ninth and tenth grades of high school. While in high school, he was drafted in 1943, to serve in the United States Navy, during WWII. After his tour of duty, Mr. Crudup received an honorable discharge from the United States Navy in January 1946.

In the fall of 1946, having a desire to complete his high school education, he enrolled in the Alcorn Laboratory High School in Lorman, MS. With an interest in furthering his education, after graduating from high school, he enrolled in Alcorn College, with a major in education. Later, he received the Master's degree from Jackson State University in Administration and Supervision.

In 1952, Mr. Crudup began his teaching career in the Madison County School System and remained with this school system until his retirement in 1985. His first position was as a high school teacher at the Farmhaven High School in Farmhaven, MS. After teaching for one year, his leadership abilities were recognized, and he was offered the position of principal of that school. Later the school was relocated to a new school building with the name changed to Luther Branson. He continued to serve as principal in that community for 14 years. Then he was asked to accept the principal position at Rosa Scott High School, in Madison, MS, where he served in that position for 19 years, retiring in 1985.

He married his college sweetheart, Miss Annie Camille Jefferson of Yazoo City, Mississippi. They have one child, Linda Crudup Gladney, and one grandchild, Brian Timothy Gladney.

Although Mr. Crudup's career as an educator was in the Madison County School System, he and his wife made their home in Yazoo City, Mississippi. He was active in both communities. Upon his retirement, he was recognized by the Madison Ridgeland branch of the NAACP for his dedicated service in the field of education and his pivotal role in school desegregation in Mississippi, specifically, in Madison County. Also, he was recognized by Rosa Scott Parent/Teacher Association for his leadership and unceasing efforts to provide quality education for all students of Madison County Schools.

A strong spiritual foundation has always been central in Mr. Crudup's personal and family life. He has been very active in Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church where he served as Deacon, Superintendent of the Sunday School and Church Treasurer. He dedicated much of his time in service through his church, in whatever capacity needed. The church formally recognized his many years of service in 2005.

In the Yazoo City community, he served on the Board of Trustees for the King's Daughter's Hospital from October, 2002 through March, 2005. Other organizations he was affiliated with are: Masons, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Phi Delta Kappa, Yazoo County Alcorn Alumni Club, American Legion, the Yazoo County Fair and Civic League, Inc. On March 26, 2006, the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Mississippi and Senator Joseph Thomas, commended the civic and charitable accomplishments of Mr. Crudup and designated that day as "Timothy Crudup Day" in Yazoo City, Mississippi.

Mr. Crudup has been a role model to many and is spoken highly of by so many citizens of various segments of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Timothy Crudup for his dedication to serving our great Country and his community.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHERINE
GRANT-DAVIS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the accomplishments of Ms. Katherine Grant-Davis as she retires as President and CEO of the New Jersey Primary Care Association. Her contributions to the health care field are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Ms. Grant-Davis brought a wealth of experience to the New Jersey Primary Care Association. Prior to joining the New Jersey Primary Care Association, Ms. Grant-Davis served as the New Jersey Department of Health Chief of Staff. She also held positions as Director of Payment and Health Care Delivery for the Health Industry Manufacturers Association in Washington, D.C., Assistant Director and Acting Director of the New Jersey DRG Hospital Reimbursement Program, Director of the New Jersey WIC Program and Project Director for Title XX Implementation. She also served on Governor Jon Corzine's Department of Health and Senior Services Transition Team and Governor James McGreevey's Department of Human Services Transition Team.

In addition to her professional work, Ms. Grant-Davis is an active member of the community, working with Jack and Jill of America, The Links, Inc., the National Association of Community Health Centers, Capital Link, Inc. and the United States Swimming Association. She has been named one of the 100 Most Influential New Jerseyans by City News and one of the Power 50 in Health Care by NJ Biz. She has also received numerous awards her service and accomplishments, including the National Association of Community Health Centers Leadership Award, the New Jersey Citizen Action Community Service Award and the Shirley Chisholm Catalyst for Change Award, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. Katherine Grant-Davis on her retirement and thanking her for her service to the residents of New Jersey.

TRIBUTE TO FRIENDS OF KENNA
OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT/PLAYGROUND

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the citizens of Jackson County, and the Friends of Kenna on an exciting community development project that has taken place in my district. Kenna Elementary School is the first new school construction in the county in 40 years. The unincorporated community of Kenna, illustrates what is best about America and the State of West Virginia. It is a rural area that believes in hard work and helping ones' neighbor. The geography of the area physically separates its residents, but that does not deter it from making an extra effort at creating community. That's why I think it is